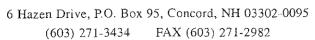


State of New Hampshire DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WATER COUNCIL





September 15, 2003

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Re: Docket No. 03-12 WC - USA Springs, Inc. Appeal

Dear Attorney Smith:

The notice of appeal of the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") denial of an approval of a bottled water source, which you filed on behalf of USA Springs, Inc., was received in my office on September 11, 2003, and has been assigned **Docket No. 03-12 WC**; please refer to this docket number in all future correspondences relative to this matter. I have forwarded your petition to the NH Water Council, which I expect will decide to accept or dismiss the appeal at its next regular meeting, currently scheduled for October 8, 2003 at 9:00am in Room 112 of the offices of the Department of Environmental Services, 6 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.

Please note that any person filing any document with the Council in conjunction with an appeal is required to send a copy to all parties who have filed an appearance with the Council, and to any person who has a motion to intervene pending before the Council. When a party has appeared by a representative, service shall be upon the representative. Every document filed with the Council, and required to be served upon the parties to an appeal, shall be accompanied by a certificate of service, signed by the person making service, attesting to the method and date of service, and the persons served.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (603) 271-6072 or by e-mail at appeals@des.state.nh.us.



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